



**PLACER COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE  
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION  
ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**

**2013**

**Welfare & Institutions Code Section 229.5**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a juvenile justice commission may inquire into the operation of any group home that serves wards or dependent children of the juvenile court and is located in the county or region the commission serves. The commission may review the safety and well-being of wards or dependent children placed in the group home and the program and services provided in relation to the home's published program statement.

(b) In conducting its review, the commission shall respect the confidentiality of minors' records and other information protected under other provisions of law. It may review court or case records of a child provided it keeps the identities of minors named in those records confidential, and may review the financial records of a group home. However, the commission may not review the personnel records of employees or the records of donors to the group home.

(c) The commission shall give the group home manager at least 24 hours' advance notice of a visit to a group home. If the commission believes that there is a serious violation of applicable licensing laws or regulations or that residents of a group home are in danger of physical or mental abuse, abandonment or other substantial threat to their health and safety, the commission shall notify the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services for appropriate action, shall consult with the presiding judge of the juvenile court and chief probation officer as to whether or not a visit is appropriate, and shall notify other juvenile justice commissions of its actions, as appropriate.

(d) Upon the completion of a visit, if the commission finds any condition in the group home that poses a danger to its residents or otherwise violates any applicable law, ordinance, or regulation, the commission shall verbally advise the group home manager of its findings, unless it determines that the advisement could be detrimental to the children placed there, and shall send written confirmation of its findings to the group home manager within 14 days. The commission may also report its findings to the presiding judge of the juvenile court, chief probation officer, State Department of Social Services, or other juvenile justice commissions as appropriate. A group home manager may meet with the juvenile justice commission, chief probation officer, county welfare director, juvenile court, or the State Department of Social Services to resolve any problem or to submit a plan of correction.

**Facility: Koinonia School**

**Address: 5980 Webb St.**

**Loomis, CA 95650**

**Phone Number: (916) 652-6571**

**Department Chief: Bill Ryland**

**Staff Interviewed: Bill Ryland/ Joy Dean**

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**Date of Inspection: April 24, 2013**

**Juvenile Justice Commission Inspection Team:**

Bryan Urquidez

Christina Miller

Sandena Bader

**Supervising Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Colleen Nichols**

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Number of suicides: 0

Number of assaults: 0

Number of runaways: 0

### **GENERAL**

Does the facility house juveniles under 601 of the W&I Code?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the facility house juveniles under 602 of the W&I Code?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are 601's and 602's separated?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are males kept separate from females?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **INTERIOR**

Is the interior of the school clean?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Were walls, paint, drains, plumbing, vents, windows, etc... in good working condition?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are recreational equipment and sporting equipment in good order?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the hallways kept clear and uncluttered?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there any graffiti present?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is a study area available for students?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate lighting in the facility?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the facility maintain an adequate temperature during seasons?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

### **EXTERIOR**

Are outdoor common areas well maintained?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are any outdoor areas in disrepair?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **MEALS/NUTRITION**

Is the kitchen clean?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is staff present and supervising during meals?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is a weekly menu prepared and posted?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the meals served cafeteria style?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**PROGRAMS**

Are minors allowed ample time for recreation of any kind?	YES [X]	NO []
Do all minors exercise daily?	YES [X]	NO []
Do minors have access to religious services?	YES [X]	NO []
Are Medical/Mental Health Services available to minors?	YES [X]	NO []
Is there counseling available to the minors?	YES [X]	NO []
Is there a family reunification plan in place for minors?	YES[X]	NO []
Is there substance Abuse counseling available for minors?	YES [X]	NO []
Are there parenting classes available?	YES [X]	NO []
Are there any vocational classes available?	YES [X]	NO []

**GRIEVANCE POLICY**

Are all minors oriented to the rules and procedures?	YES [X]	NO []
Are rules and grievance procedures posted and visible to minors?	YES [X]	NO []
Is there a consistent and fair discipline plan in place?	YES [X]	NO []

**Commissioners Observations:**

Are the minors in a good state of appearance?	YES [X]	NO []
Do they appear to shower regularly and in proper hygiene?	YES [X]	NO []
Is clothing appropriate and in good condition?	YES [X]	NO []
Did the minors interviewed feel they had an opportunity to express their concerns or issues with the staff?	YES [X]	NO []
Was a minor interviewed prior to or before the inspection?	YES [X]	NO []
Were any issues raised during the minor interview?	YES [X]	NO []

**Commissioners Narrative:**

**On April 24, 2013, three members of the Commission conducted an inspection of the Koinonia School program. Commissioners spoke with Bill Ryland and Joy Dean from Koinonia, as well as the school teacher Mr. Tom McCormick, and two minors in the program.**

**During the inspection we found the program to be a clean, safe, and well equipped school setting. One of the minors intervned had graduated from the Koinonia Group home, and asked to return to the program in order to graduate from High School. She reported that her reason for returning to the program was that she wasn't getting the structure she needed in her foster care. She said that if she hadn't been in the**

program she would not have recognized the problems with her foster home. We also interviewed a boy in the program who spoke well of the program, he said that in four months he has benefited immensely from anger management. Both minors cited the positive peer culture as a key to why the program works.

Bill Ryland and Joy Dean both credit the positive peer culture, program staff involvement, and systematic rewards as what is working in the program. Bill has managed to do more fund raising this year and has received grants and donations to allow one of the homes to be remodeled. They have taken the kids on various trips, such as Magic Mountain, various water parks, and snow and water skiing trips. Bill expressed that the kids in the program need to learn to have some fun as an alternative to drugs and alcohol.

The most important accomplishment is that the Koinonia School is a “regular” high school and is the only accredited high school ran by the Placer County Office of Education. The benefit of academic accreditation is that students can apply to and be accepted to a four year university with a diploma from the Koinonia School. The first graduate to do so is enrolled at William Jessup University in Rocklin.

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The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Placer County finds that the Koinonia School is in compliance with California State Licensing Regulations.

Inspection Report completed by Commissioner: **Brian Urquidez**

On this date: **May 21, 2013**

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*Signed*

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